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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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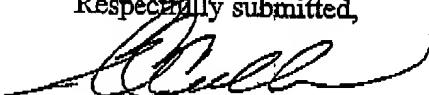
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In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, applicant provisionally elects claims 17-22 and 26-29 drawn to a method of inhibiting neovascular disease of the eye, by administering intraocularly a gene therapy vector that directs the expression of an anti-angiogenic factor, classified in class 514, subclass 44, for example, and antiangiogenic factors: soluble Flt-1 for examination.

Applicant makes this election with traverse.

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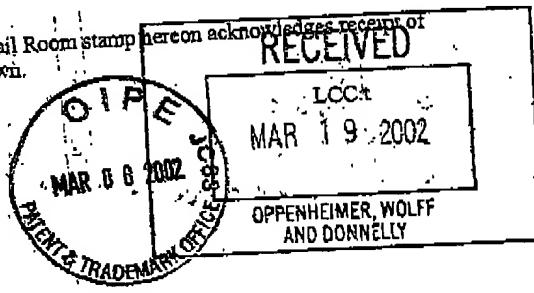
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